Gideon Sunday

"...and they cried, 'The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.'"—Judges 7:20 (KJV)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
September 7th, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of September, *in the Year of our Lord* 2025

- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—NO Service this week.

Our Sunday School resumes next week at 9:30 AM.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings"* (#554)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"The Bible Stands"* (#107).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:9-16.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Holy Bible, Book Divine"* (#114).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Standing on the Promises:"* (#109).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: Brother Dennis Smith of the Gideons International.

Closing Hymn:* *"Wonderful Words of Life"* (#115).

Benediction.*

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study:
Thursday, 9/11, at 6:30 PM

Cover Illustration: "The Sword of Gideon," by Pastor Terry L. Reese

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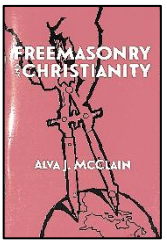
GIDEON SUNDAY: This week, Brother **Dennis Smith** from the **Gideons International** will be sharing with us what God is currently doing throughout the world, utilizing the mechanism of that great ministry. The mission of the Gideons is the distribution of the *Word of God*—which is the Divinely appointed agent and means of *regeneration* (1 Pet. 1:23) and *sanctification* (Eph. 5:26).

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES



We have reached a midpoint in our studies in Daniel, having concluded the historical narratives of chapters 1-thru-6. Prior to resuming our Daniel studies with the prophetic/visionary section of chs. 7-12, we will be taking a short break from Daniel and engage in a brief survey of the Christian's appropriate response to Secret Lodges and Secret Societies. This is an important, yet often-neglected topic that has historically enkindled a strong response from traditional Brethren circles—including our own Dr. Alva J. McClain, whose bestseller on the subject continues to be sought-out and well-used, even after over half-a-century.

"I've experienced His presence in the deepest hell that man can create… I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, you can count on them."
— Corrie ten Boom

"Want to hear God speak? Read your Bible. Want to hear God speak audibly? Read your Bible out loud!"
— Justin Peters

WHY THE GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION

By Kevin McIntosh, Gideon's International (8/20/25)

https://gideons.org/blog/why-the-gospel-is-our-mission

When most people think of The Gideons International, the first thing that comes to mind is Hotel Bibles. But Scripture outreach is just one of the three ways we help members carry out their calling to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to equip Gideons and their wives to share the Good News through 1) strengthening one another, 2) spreading the Gospel message, and 3) sharing God's Word.

Hotel rooms may be the most recognized place to find a Bible from The Gideons, but our outreach extends far beyond those walls. From schools and hospitals to fairs & other public venues, members place & distribute Scriptures across some 200 countries, territories, & possessions. As a result, tens of millions of lives are touched through God's Word every year.

Why does an association of more than 240,000 Christian business and professional men—along with their wives—devote so much time & energy to sharing God's Word? The answer is simple: The Gospel Is Our Mission.

The word Gospel means "Good News." And that Good News is this: God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (Jhn 3:16) Scripture tells us: *The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes* (Rom.1:16) This is vital because *all have sinned* (Rom.3:23) and *the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Rom. 6:23). How are we saved? *Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* (Rom. 10:13)

Nothing Else Transforms Lives Like the Gospel. The Gospel matters because it changes everything: it brings hope, and it transforms lives. In a world full of anxiety, brokenness, and uncertainty, the Gospel offers an anchor in life's storms. The Gospel found in Scripture is the only message that points mankind to a rescue from sin & eternal separation from God. For over a century, people have shared with us their real-life stories of finding freedom from sin & lasting peace through the power of the Gospel. Many of these transformations began when they encountered a copy of God's Word placed or distributed by a Gideon or Auxiliary member.

You Can Have Everlasting Hope Starting Today (2Cor. 6:2b). Whatever your struggle, the Gospel is the answer. Visit our **Find Hope** page now to explore biblical answers to life's biggest questions, watch a Gospel video**,** & discover the hope God offers through the Lord Jesus Christ. If you'd like a personal copy of God's Word, we invite you to download the **Gideon Bible App**. It features audio options for over 2,200 language translations, verse helps, notes, & more. **God loves you. And so do the 240,000 members of The Gideons International.**